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RE: Industrial Emissions Activities Licence Application for Michael Noel O' Connor of Rathcahill West, Templeglantine, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick. Reg. No: P1042-01.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your letter requesting clarification of further information dated 31st August 2017 in relation to the above Industrial Emissions Activities Licence Application for Michael Noel O' Connor of Templeglantine, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

We here-in attach our clarification response in the same numerical order.

I trust that this submission meets with your requirements.

Yours Sincerely,

Date 1st Dec 2017.

Note: *All telephone and written correspondences regarding this application should be directed to Michael Sweeney at 086 – 8188904 or the above postal address.*

Included with this submission:

- 1 no signed original and 1 no hard copy
- 2 no CD-ROM containing required information

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken on 23rd August 2016 and the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required. Screening undertaken by the Agency, using SCAIL Agriculture, has shown that ammonia in air emissions from the activity has the potential to contribute to elevated ammonia levels at the Stacks to Mullaghareirk Mountains/West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA (site code: 004161). The SCAIL Agriculture screening tool is available at: <http://www.scail.ceh.ac.uk/>.

You were required by the Agency on 26 August 2016 to submit a Natura Impact Statement, as defined in Regulations 2(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended [Regulation 9(2)(k)]. Your reply to this request was received by the Agency on 23 June 2017. Your reply was assessed and the content deemed to be insufficient as it does not qualify as an NIS.

You are required to submit a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) to enable the Agency to carry out a full Appropriate Assessment (AA).

You are advised to refer to the document 'Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities', issued in 2009 by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and revised in 2010. This document is available at:

http://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2009_AA_Guidance.pdf.

In addition to the above please also provide an updated non-technical summary to reflect the information provided in your reply.

RESPONSE

Please find enclosed a revised Natura Impact Statement.

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